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This invention relates to a method of construction including positioning at least one support member in the ground, forming a foundation substantially adjacent the at least one support member, excavating ground beneath the foundation to a prescribed depth below the surface temporarily forming cavities or voids and supporting bridges beneath the foundations, excavating the supporting bridges and dropping the formed foundation to the prescribed depth. Structures such as walls may be constructed on the foundations prior to dropping the foundations and bracing members may be used to prevent deflection of the walls.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
U.S. Patent No.	Date	Inventor/Owner
5,522,676	06/04/1996	Gryba
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DE 3716750A	12/01/1988	Strabag Bau-AG
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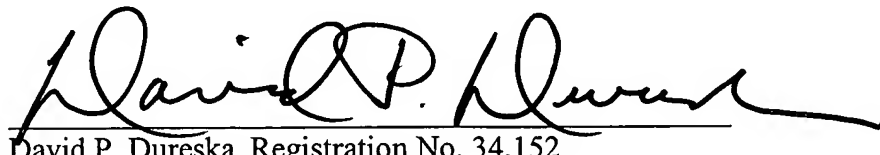
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